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SPRING VALLEY PURCHASE BEAT

Majority of San Francisco Favorable, But Two-thirds Vote Falls 9 ,122 Short.

DAVIE LEADS IN OAKLAND

San Jose Adopts a New City Charter by Big Majority Which Provides for Office of City Manager.

Three city elections of more or less importance to the people of Washington township took place last Tuesday. The one of the most direct interest was that at San Francisco in which the Spring Valley Purchase proposition was defeated. In Oakland a nominating primary was held for various city officers. San Jose adopted a new city charter.

Following is the unofficial count in the San Francisco election:

Total vote	73,643
For	39,975
Against	33,518
Majority for Bonds	6,457
Necessary two-thirds	49,096
Bonds defeated by	9,121

Newspapers favoring the purchase of Spring Valley properties attribute the defeat of the Rolph administration's project to a combination of high-price, prejudice against the administration and opposition to any scheme of municipal ownership.

The administration fight for the purchase was the best organized effort that has thus far marked a similar event, and had the Rolph forces have had the united support of organized labor, as was the case in the municipal street car project, the result would no doubt have been different.

The result leaves the matter of local water districts as if the election had [illegible] been held. With recent legislation in vogue there its better chance now than ever before for the directors to accomplish the purposes that prompted their organization.

Secretary Chris Runckel, of the Alameda county Water District, says concerning the election:

"The defeat of the Spring Valley purchase Tuesday is of vital importance to our district. It removes for a time, at least, and possibly for all time, the danger of having the city of San Francisco as an active opponent to the best interests of our section. If it leads to an active and determined effort to bring in the Hetch Hetchy supply as the opponents of the Spring Valley believe it will, it means that the plans of the Spring Valley to seize the flood waters of the Alameda creek, will no longer be necessary. By removing the city as an active ally to Spring Valley's plans, the fight will now be clearly drawn between the people of our district and that corporation. When it becomes evident that a serious and vigorous effort will be made to bring in the Hetch Hetchy supply as speedily as possible the strongest argument in favor of the Spring Valley system will have less force. While many arguments influenced the opposition to the purchase, and all had more or less effect, the main issue was the Hetch-Hetchy supply. Having followed the fight in the city pretty closely during the past few weeks I can confidently assure our people that Hetch Hetchy is what the San Francisco people want and are determined to have. San Francisco will never buy out the entire Spring Valley system. If it condemns it will condemn only what it needs for the next six or eight years. The fight last Tesday was the last dangerous effort the company will ever be able to put up in San Francisco. From now on it will be at the mercy of the city. The next city administration will be pledged to hurry up the Hetch Hetchy. It should be a matter of congratulation to our people that the men who put up the opposition fight are our friends because they believe our cause is just.

"At the same time we may expect a vigorous fight against our injunction suit. The loss of the San Francisco fight and the danger that lies in our suit will make the company fight us most vigorously. There are millions at stake and the prize will not be easily surrendered. It is up to our people to give our district loyal support for the next year or possibly two. By that time the work on the Hetch Hetchy system will have so far committed San Francisco to bringing in that supply that the rights of our district will have vastly more weight. As I see it the battle ground from now on will be in Alameda County. Many things have worked in our district's favor during the last few months. If we keep up our fight we will win.

"Last Tuesday was the turning point not only in San Francisco's history, but it was the turning point in the entire water supply problem of this bay region.

"We have reason to congratulate ourselves as a people. But we must still be on the alert and we must make our fight during the injunction suit effective.

"Tuesday was Spring Valley's Waterloo in San Francisco. The tide has turned. Perhaps some time in the future I may go more into the details of the victories of the past few months. Just now I am trying to answer the question: 'What next?'"

The Oakland city primary election returns give John L. Davie, mayor of that city 20 years ago, close to two votes for every one of his nearest competitor, Frank W. Bilger.

The fight for Commissioner No. 1, gave W. R. Geary 11,049 votes and leaves W. H. Edwards and Fred LeBalister so close together that an official count may be necessary to decide Geary's opponent.

Commissioner No. 2 finds Edwin Meese and Dr. F. F. Jackson in first and second places and former Councilman Harold Eurhart, socialist, and Joseph Lloyd with the labor union endorsement, equally close together as "also rans."

I. H. Clay, recently appointed city auditor to fill the unexpired term of George Gross, now county clerk, is elected. Clay's only opposition was Rice, the socialist. Their vote is: 18,533 for Clay to 11,191 for Rice.

The semi-official returns from 169 precincts complete. The two high men in each instance qualify to run at the general election, May 11.

Total vote, 34,889.

Mayor

John L. Davie	18,486
Frank W. Bilger	9,448
Willis E. Gibson	3,995
Thomas Booth	2,917

Auditor.

I. H. Clay	18,533
Charles R. Rice	11,191

Commissioner No. 1.

William R. Geary	11.049
W. H. Edwards	6,974
Fred W. Le Ballister	6,109
Cochran McCarron	4,574
John Gelder	3,030
A. B. Connolly	1,350

Commissioner No. 2.

Edwin Meese	12,660
Dr. F. F. Jackson	8,332
Joseph Lloyd	6,115
Harold Everhart	5,695
William S. Cox	1,387

School Director No. 1.

Dr. A. S. Kelly	16,258
Florence L. Johnson	8,492
Mrs. Lucy Barker	7,057

School District No. 2.

Louis Aber	10,400
Calvin M. Orr	10,062
W. F. Drury	5,417
C. D. Rogers	4,613

School Director No. 3.

Harry L. Boyle	12,036
Dr. Daniel Crosby	10,025
Gertrude Warwick	6,887
R. C. Addis	3,020

The Oakland fight throughout was hotly contested, and along toward the last it resolved itself into vituperative assaults upon the present city administration rather than promises of results by the aspirants. It was a real, old-fashioned "mud-slinging" and "dirty shirt" campaign such as must have given the old-fashioned ward-heelers hope of being able to "come-back."

San Jose adopted a new city charter which includes a city manager, provisions and initiative, referendum and recall clauses. This charter was carried by a large majority. The Hayes newpapers supported it, as did also the administration of Mayor Fred Husted.

At Hotel Plaza, San Francisco.

Among the guests registered at the Hotel Plaza, San Francisco, this week are Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Broughton, Mr. H. C. Plummer and Mrs. M. R. McDonald of Niles.

WATER DISTRICT FILES ITS SUIT

Asks Permanent Injunction Restraining Big Corporation from Taking Water

ASKS IS TO BE PERMANENT

Bitter Fight Expected in the Courts When the Matter Comes Up for Its Final Trial.

As made public by a communication of Secretary of Alameda County Water District Chris Runckel in the last issue of The Press, an injunction suit was filed last Saturday.

The petition sets forth that about 44,000 acres of land are represented in the district and that action is brought on behalf of the inhabitants and property owners of the district, which lies in that part of Alameda county surrounding and lying westerly and southerly of the town of Niles.

A writ of injunction is asked to restrain the Spring Valley company perpetually henceforth from obstructing, extracting, arresting or diverting the waters of Alameda creek, surface or subterranean; also from continuing the construction of the projected Calaveras dam, or from ever repairing or completing that much advertised project.

John T. Nourse of San Francisco is attorney for the Alameda County water district.

An Oakland paper, in commenting on the matter says:

"This suit, coming on the eve of the San Francisco special election to decide for or against the purchase of Spring Valley by the city, has created a profound sensation."

Time of hearing the case or the [illegible] fore which it is to come has not been learned up to the time of going to press.

W. O. W. OFFICERS VISIT

Stop Here On Automoile Journey and Shake Hands With Friends.

I. I. Boak, head consul of the Pacific jurisdiction of the Woodmen of the World, accompanied by Peter F. Gilroy, deputy head consul and Thomas M. Robinson, head manager and Arthur D. Hewes, district organizer of that organization, motored through Niles Wednesday afternoon.

Stopping here for a few moment they met the officers and some of the members of Old Mill Camp No. 220 in an informal manner.

Old Mill Camp will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its organization on the 11th of August of this year. It is the plan of the camp to take a class to the world's fair on that occasion.

Old Mill camp was organized June 13th, 1907 with 47 charter members. The name was taken from the old Vallejo mill, which stood on the banks of Alameda creek at that time.

Since the installation of Old Mill Camp five members have died, three from accidental deaths and two from natural causes. The order has paid $10,000 in benefits in Niles.

The local camp has done a large number of fraternal acts of kindness to needy members.

According to the report recently issued by the head camp the order now has 115,000 members in nine states; $7,000,000 in its reserve fund. Last year it paid to beneficiaries $20,352,000.

Old Mil Camp meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

SPEEDERS PAY FINES.

Justice Court Takes In Much Money from Fast Motorists.

At the session of the justice court Monday morning the usual crowd of speeders were tried.

The bail of W. H. Girvin, amounting to $25 was forfeited in lieu of a fine.

W. S. Cusick, who gave his age as 17 years, was certified to the juvenile court.

Joe Fay of San Francisco, also aged 17, was certified to the same court.

R. Ziemer, who was arrested by Officer Sherman and charged with going 48 miles an hour, entered a plea of guilty. In view of extenating circumstances Ziemer was forbidden by the court to ride a motorcycle of any kind for the next 30 days.

C. E. Daniel, also arrested by Sherman on the Warm Springs road, for running a motorcycle at 45 miles an hour, was fined $25 and given two weeks in which to pay.

Bail in the case of James Vance was declared forfeited in lieu of fine.

J. H. King, arrested by Traffic Officer Wright for going 43 miles an hour entered a plea of guilty and paid $25.

H. Anderson, also arrested by Wright on the Irvington Centerville road, paid a fine of $25.

W. P. Kartz, arrested by Officer Sherman, entered a plea of guilty and was fined $25.

Henry Reingold, aged 17, was certified to the juvenile court.

D. Wooley, P. Mayo and M. Blackman, each paid a fine of $25.

At the afternoon session Neil Brennan deposited bail of $25.

E. A. Alcese entered a plea of not guilty and demanded a jury trial. He deposited bail in the sum of $25 and the case was set for Friday, the 23d.

Frank Arima, a Japanese boy, was arrested by Sherman. He was fined the usual sum of $25.

F. W. Blumberg, arrested by Sherman testified that he couldn't stand being laughed at by another automobile and therefore put on a little extra speed. The speed cost him $25.

POLICE HAD CLOSE SHAVE

Suspect Shoots Through His Legs and Escapes.

Mounted Policeman Jackson of Oakland had a narrow escape from death at the hands of some person unknown and still at large early last Monday morning at the foot of Ninty-fourth avenue, Elmhurst.

The officer, while crossing the Southern Pacific tracks, noticed a suspicious character hiding behind a fence and ordered him to come out and explain his presence. The man accosted answered [illegible] shot which penetrated the [illegible] policeman hugging on the [illegible]

Jackso[illegible]s outlined against the street light and the suspect apparently thought the patrolman was standing beside his horse and aimed at what he thought his head. The bullet went directly through the cap.

Jackson dropped from his horse and returned fire. The man leaped a fence and made his escape in a field of tall grass.

The Melrose station was notified and about an hour later Patrolman W. F. Habernig saw a man at the rail road crossing at the foot of Fiftieth avenue. The man started to run and Habernig called after him to stop. The fugutive continued on his way, however, and Habernig emptied all six chambers of his revolver without halting his man. The Melrose police loaded a posse of patrolmen into the patrol wagon and started for the district to make a search. The patrol wagon broke down on the way, however, and they had to proceed to the railroad track on foot. The fugutive was not captured.

TWO MEN ARRAIGNED

Men Found With Stolen Tobacco and Watches in Their Possession.

Two Norwegians, giving their names as W. Jensen and Pete Hansen, were taken into custody Friday last by the police of San Jose under information sent out by Constable Frank Rose and charged with having robbed the cigar store and billiard parlors of R. Robinson, Niles.

When arrested the two men had in their possession several bags of tobacco and a watch which Robinson identifies as having been taken from his place. Other property and money taken at the same time was not found upon nthe men.

Jensen and Hansen tell a story about having found the tobacco and other articles along the railroad track. They deny all knowledge of the crime.

They were formally arraigned before Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond at Niles Tuesday morning, and will be given a preliminary examination tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnicott, Mrs. R. L. Buttons, Betty Buttons, Mrs. W. A. Newman motored from Oakland Sunday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hudson at Niles.

AUTO THIEVES BOUND OVER

Men Who Took Ford Car From Niles Canyon Resort Held Under $2000 Bonds.

CAME FROM UP SAN JOSE

When Motor Car Left the Fark it Contained Two Overcoats and a Buggy Robe, When Found One Coat Was Gone.

Albert Apec and Ernest Swenson, the two young men arrested last week and charged with having stolen a Ford automobile from Fernbrook Park, in the canyon, on the 11th of the month were given their preliminary examination before Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond Friday morning last, and held to answer to the Superior Court in Oakland under bonds of $2000 each.

According to the evidence produced the two men had ridden to Fernbrook Park from San Jose Sunday afternoon in the car of Ralph Morse. After arriving at the park the two men tried to evade payment of their fare and Morse was watching them when they took the stolen car.

He tried to apprehend them but was unsuccessful. Word was sent to Niles and from there telephoned by Constable Frank Rose south.

Constable J. H. Costigan of Milpitas stopped the machine with Apec and Swansen near that place and took them to the county jail at San Jose.

The stolen car was the property of one Batteata of Oakland.

When the car was stolen it contained two overcoats and a buggy robe. One overcoat is still missing.

Both men refused to question any witnesses or testify in their own behalf.

CHINESE ARRAIGNED.

Oriental Who Shot Countrywoman In Alvarado Accused of Crime.

Sear Wah, the young Chinese who shot a Chinese woman in the shoulder in Alvarado a week ago was arraigned in the court of Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond at Niles, Monday.

E. Davis, Chinese interpreter, from Oakland, explained the proceedings to the accused man, who sat with Oriental stoicism and made no comment.

It is understood that J. J. Allen, attorney, of Oakland, has been retained to represent the Chinaman.

The wounded woman is well on the road to recovery, her wound not being serious.

Sear Wah will be given a preliminary examination before Judge Richmond Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

MATTOS CLEARING DOCKET

Centerville Justice Disposes of Old Cases in His Court.

Justice of the Peace John G. Mattos again held court in the court room of Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond at Niles Monday. The session was devoted to the clearing up of old cases.

The case of A. Jensen, who was arrested by Traffic Officer Harry Green some time ago, was dropped from the calendar on motion of the district attorney. Green, now being dead, no evidence against Jensen could be had.

DIDN'T WANT TO STOP.

But Court Convinced Him that to Obey An Officer Pays.

Sunday afternoon, while patrolling the highway between Niles and Decoto, Traffic Officer Solon noticed a streak of dust that somehow or other made him think that a motorcycle was somewhere around. He started in pursuit. The machine was then going, according to Solon's speedometer, at the rate of 65 miles an hour. Solon put on more speed and overtook a motorcycle ridden by a man named Soto, who was accompanied by a young woman on the rear seat.

Solon ordered the speeder to stop, and the only answer was more speed. Finally Solon threatened to shoot the tire and the motorist stopped. He was taken before Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond where he deposited $50 bail to insure his appearance the following day.

Monday Richmond, after hearing the evidence fined him $25 and sentenced him to 5 days in the county jail in addition.

JUMPS FROM BRIDGE.

Unknown Man Jumps from Bridge This Afternoon, Uninjured.

Late this afternoon a nunknown man jumped from the bridge over the Alameda creek near Niles and was carried down the stream a short distance. The man apparently intended to commit suicide but was unsuccessful.

After his plunge he was taken in charge by a companion and the two went their way.

Row Thrown Out of Court.

Last Monday Jacinto Abreu came into the court of Justice Richmond at Niles with a complaint charging his cousin John Abreu with having run a cultivator over a portion of the road in front of his home. After hearing the testimony Richmond dismissed the case with the ramark that it was one of those cases that should have been settled out of court.

Speeders to Be Tried on Fridays.

In order to facilitate the work of Deputy District Attorney Myron Harris in Oakland, the traffic officers of this county have been instructed to notify all persons charged with violating the speed laws to appear in court on Fridays instead of Mondays as heretofore.

NEW DRY GOODS FIRM.

Ellis-Pickard Company of Pleasanton Purchases A. K. Zwisler Stock.

Ellis-Pickard company, well known merchants of Pleasanton, have purchased the stock and fixtures of the dry goods store formerly owned by A. K. Zwisler in the Theater building, Niles.

It is understood that the firm intends to conduct a sale of Mr. Zwisler's old stock, and then to restock the store with an up-to-date line of dry goods and women's furnishings. The new firm will be a decided acquision to the business life of Niles.

BIG FEED AT NEWARK.

Farm Bureau Plans Clam Dinner at Library Building.

Tuesday, April 27, is the date set by the Newark Center of the Farm Bureau for a big get-together meeting and dinner. A clam dinner is to be provided.

Farm Adviser W. H. Nixon will continue his discussion on the feeding of dairy cows.

TO HAVE SOCIAL EVENING

Niles Woman's Club Plans Affair for Night of May 1.

Arrangements are under way for a social evening to be held by the Niles Woman's club at Odd Fellows' hall on the night of Saturday, May 1. The affair will be invitational. Cards will probably be the diversion of the evening.

Congregational Church Notices.

Sunday services, April 5, 1915:

10 a. m.—Sunday school. Songs are now being learned for Children's Day, which will be observed, May 9.

11 a. m.—Preaching service, with the first of four talks on that which is "Beyond all Comparison the Best," first, "Better Than Eloquence."

7:45 p. m.—Mr. Hyde will give an outline of pulpit utterances here and in England of the great war, for a few Sunday evenings. The first will be "What the War Must Bring," by Washington Gladden.

NEWARK NEWS NOTES

Miss Edith Freitas and Miss Violet Foster spent a few days at the Gilroy Hot Spring.

Mrs. John Silvey motored to San Jose Friday.

Miss Edith Freitas entertained company from Oakland Sunday.

In token of her bravery in saving the books of the Hill and Valley club from a fire which destroyed her home Mrs. Ethel Owen of Hayward was presented with a token of esteem by the club this week.

COUNTY AND STATE NEWS

BABY HOSPITAL IS AFTER HELP

Handles Free Clinic Visits, Operations and Home Calls at Low Cost.

ASKS FOR $300 A MONTH

Exposition Attendants "Jacked Up" Again—Bridge Contract at San Lorenzo Is Awarded.

A delegation of women appeared before the board of supervisors Monday as representatives of the Baby Hospital association of Alameda county and requested an allowance of $300 a month as operating expenses, stating that $200 was needed immediately to meet pressing obligations of the association.

Mrs. Duncan, on behalf of the association, speaking for the committee comprising Mrs. Walter Shockley and Miss Mabel Weed of Berkeley and Mesdames Fdererick McGee, William Knowles and Bernard Ransome of Oakland said:

"During the seventeen months the association has handled 4688 free clinic visits, at an average cost each to the association of 20 cents. In March there were 569 visitors to the free clinic.

"One hundred and thirty-five new patients, never treated before, were recorded as the increase for the month of March.

"The operating cost per bed per day for the little ones treated," said Mrs. McDuffie, has averaged only $1.85. This and other figures presented were admitted to be lower by far than the county itself has been able to handle similar cases.

The hospital was not put into commission until six months ago. It was not thrown open until the property was paid for and in the clear financially, Mrs. McDuffie pointed out. But the free clinic started operations immediately on the organization of the association.

Thus far the hospital has been run entirely [illegible] subscription from the women themselves, and from organizations and individuals. For 2116 hospital days the expense has been $3912, with but $677 received in fees, leaving a balance that has been paid by subscription of $3225—a gift of the hospital association to the community.

Mrs. McDuffie's strongest arguments for the passage of a resolution for the appropriation sought were figures that showed where the Alameda county infirmary is relieved by the hospital of a great amount of congestion, in cases involving babies—their arrival in the community and their care as they grow into little citizens, and that a similar relief is exerted in the case of the county school nurses, whose duties are to go from school to school and treat and care for deficient children of the poorer classes.

A Flight at the Exposition.

Slow installation work in placing exhibits of Alameda County manufacturers at the exposition received another rap in the form of a communication from the manufacturers' committee of the chamber of commerce and commercial club, consolidated, was read before the board. Attention was called to the fact that the jury of awards will start its work on May 3, and that the manufacturers of the county are getting anxious to have the exhibits ready by then.

Want New Bridge.

The Downtown association strongly urged the construction at an early date of a modern steel bridge across the estuary to take the place of the Webster and Harrison street bridges.

Treasurers' Report.

The report of County Treasurer M. J. Kelly showed a balance of cash in the county's coffers April 15 of $1,282,630.46, or more than $50,000 more than the balance a week previous.

Bridge Contract Awarded.

Thomas B. Russell, on a bid of $8595 was awarded a contract for building a concrete girder bridge across San Lorenzo creek in Bridge street, near Hayward. Work is to commence at once.

DENIES WASTE IN EXHIBIT

Board of Supervisors Plan to Visit Exposit and See For Itself.

At a special executive session of the board of supervisors of Alameda county held Tuesday afternoon, A. A. Denison, in charge of the Alameda county exhibit at the exposition, explained wherein the county was getting value received out of the money that has been spent on the exhibit thus far, and that although Alameda county has the largest exhibit in the California building there is no more help employed there than by other counties.

Denison said, salaries of lecturers and attendants, are as low as the lowest of other counties exhibiting. The supervisors admitted Denison's contention that the public was being led to believe that the Panama-Pacific exposition exhibit was responsible alone for the expenditures made on all exhibits the county has, whereas it is responsible for but a part and the San Diego exhibit costs a good percentage of the total spent. The supervisors agreed to visit the California building en banc at an early date, to investigate personally and pass upon the situation.

Denison's explanatory talk was occasioned by the action of the board last Thursday when it was recommended strongly that D. H. Bradley and Newton Drury, lecturers, be dropped from the exposition commission payroll and that the salary of Denison be reduced. Statistics show that Alameda county's payroll at the exposition is $1044 a month, that the commission pay-roll in Alameda county is $5,500 and in San Diego more than $400, making an approximate total of $2094 a month.

FARM PICNIC AT DAVIS.

All Kinds of Demostrations to Take Place Saturday.

A large attendance is expected at the annual university farm picnic at Davis Saturday, April 24. The stock parade, the stock-judging, and hat-trimming contests, the athletic events, the jelly-makers' competition, the demonstrations of how to make ice-cream in a fireless cooker, or how to cook a tough hen tender, the opportunity to see all the departments of the University farm school at their regular work, the chance to observe improved ways of irrigation, tillage, orchard management, butter and cheese making, and dairy and poultry yard methods—all these promise to give much enjoyment and pleasure to the people who gather each year for the university farm picnic.

COUNTY BUYS TOLL ROAD

Free Highway [illegible] Tuolumne to Yosemite.

Chairman T. F. McGovern of the Tuolumne county board of supervisors has announced that the Big Oak Flat road to the Yosemite has been purchased by the county and made a public highway to the Yosemite, and as soon as the spring repairing can be done that route will be forever free.

Seven appraisers have been named to fix the price for the road and on their report the supervisors will make payment. The contract with the owning company has been executed and Mr. McGovern says it gives absolute title to the county to the toll road. The county and San Francisco will make some repairs on the road and the Hetch-Hetchy travel will be over that highway as far as Sequoia.

CHICAGO IS CRIME CENTER.

Only Two Sentenced to Hang Out of 266 Murderers.

It cost Chicago $6,985,904 to arrest 116,985 persons during 1914, according to the annual report of the police department by Chief of Police Gleason of that city. The report shows more arrests than in any previous year. More than 60,000 persons were discharged in court, 43,000 were fined, and 358 were held to the grand jury. There were 266 homicides in the year. One murderer was hanged and another is under sentence of death.

Seven policemen were killed in the discharge of their duty and 834 were injured.

GLOBE EXPRESS CO SOLD

Wells-Fargo Company Absorbs the W. P. Concern.

Negotiations have been completed at Denver for the transfer of the Globe Express company to the Wells-Fargo company, according to a statement made this week by D. D. Mayo, general manager of the Globe Express company. The change, which is to become effective after the close of business April 30, is due to forced reductions in rates, according to Mr. Mayo, by the Interstate Commerce Commission and by various state railroad commissions, and because of the institution of the government parcels post.

The Globe company operates only along the Denver and Rio Grande and the Western Pacific Railroads.

OAKLAND MEN OBJECT TO THE SALE OF DISCEASED PORK PRODUCT

Grand Jury Investigation May Be the Result.

A delegation comprising President Abraham Jonas of the Oakland Merchants' Exchange, Secretary Wilbur Walker, former President Robert Robertson, E. A. Young, H. N. Gard and E. F. Muller waited upon District Attorney Hynes last week and declared that they had new evidence that Oakland butchers are selling meat subjected to only slipshod inspection, and meat bearing germs of animal diseases.

Disregarding the opinion of University of California savants, to the effect that human beings are not in danger of infection through the consumption of pork from cholera-infected hogs the delegation took a strong stand against the practice of allowing such diseased animals to be converted into pork for public consumption. While it was not specifically demanded, it is understood, a grand jury investigation of the hog cholera situation is said to have been suggested.

Walker said:

"With the inspection of meat in our abbatoirs in the hands of inspectors paid by the men who kill and sell the meat animals, you can draw your own conclusions as to the efficiency and veracity of the inspection. The best intentioned meat dealers in the world would be subjected to the temptation for slipshod inspected under such conditions. It's all wrong in theory. They are tempted in the region of their pockets."

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of Elizabeth Sinclair, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Sinclair, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator, at the office of Thomas C. Huxley, No. 1101 Union Savings Bank Building, northeast corner of Broadway and 13th street, in the city of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Elizabeth Sinclair, deceased.

DAVID SINCLAIR,
Administrator of the Estate of Elizabeth, Sinclair, deceased.
Dated, Oakland, April 17, 1915.
THOMAS C. HUXLEY,
Attorney for said Administrator, Union Savings Bank Building, Oakland, Cal.
4-22|5-20.

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NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that Monday the 3d day of May, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the rooms of the Board of Supervisors, in the annex to the Hall of Records, in the City of Oakland, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the application of Jos. Sprung to obtain a license for the sale of liquor at Draw Bridge No. 3 near Alviso in Alviso election precinct.

GEO. E. GROSS,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
Dated Oakland, Cal., April 12, 1915.
4-15|4-29.

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DELINQUENT SALE NOTICE.

Alameda Sugar Company, location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works, Alvarado, California.

NOTICE—There is [illegible] upon the following described stock, on account of [illegible] assessment [illegible] on the 28th day of January, 1915, the several amounts set [illegible] names of the respective shareholders, as follows:

Name.	No. Cert.	No. Shares	Amount
Scherer, Mary A.	37	11	27.50
Scherer, Mary A.,	292	1	2.50
Chambers, Garry E.	797	100	250.00
Nissum, James	983	50	125.00
Poultney, George T.	1101	50	125.00
Hutchins Estate Company,	1214	60	150.00
Parkhurst, Lewis A.	1261	500	1,250.00
Parkhurst, Lewis A.,	1262	500	1,250.00
Springer, George E., trustee	1286	350	875.00
Springer, George E., trustee,	1287	600	1,500.00
Ashman, J. H., Jr. trustee	1292	100	250.00
Springer, George E., trustee	1319	100	250.00
		2,422	6,055.00

And in accordance with law and an order of the Board of Directors made on the 28th day of January, 1915, so many shares of each parcel of such stock as may be necessary will be sold at public auction at the office of the company, Room 903, No. 310 Sansome street, San Francisco, California, on Tuesday, the 27th day of April, 1915, at the hour of Two o'clock p. m. of said day, to pay said delinquent assessment thereon, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

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PARCELS POST REGULATIONS

In response to numerous inquiries regarding the rules and regulations governing the sending of farm products to city residents the following is submitted:

Parcel post matter for local rural route and first and second zone shall embrace all matter, including farm and factory products not now embraced by law in either the first, second or third class.

Parcels shall not exceed 50 pounds in weight. In size they shall not exceed 72 inches in length and girth combined, nor in form and kind likely to injure the person of any postal employe or damage the mail equipment or other mail matter and not of a character perishable within a period reasonably required for transportation and delivery.

Preparation for Mailing.

Parcels must be prepared for mailing in such manner that the contents can easily be examined. They must bear the name and address of the sender preceded by the word "From."

How to Pack.

Anything liquid or liquefiable must be placed in a bag, box or removable envelope or wrapping made of paper, cloth, parchment or similar material and inclosed in a box or tube of metal or wood with a sliding clasp or screw lid.

In case of such articles liable to break, the inner bag or box or envelope must be surrounded by sawdust, excelsior, cotton or similar substance.

Parcel Post Zones.

The first zone includes all territory within the 50-miles limit of your postoffice in any direction.

The second zone includes all the territory outside of the first zone (50 miles) and within the 150-mile limit of your postoffice in any direction.

The third zone is 300 miles in any direction, and the fourth zone is 600 miles in any direction from your own postoffice.

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Parcel Post Rates.

Parcels weighing four ounces or less are mailable at the rate of 1 cent for each ounce or fraction of an ounce, regardless of distance. Parcels weighing more than four ounces are mailable at the following pound rates, a fraction of a pound being considered a full pound:

Weights—	Local	Zone One	Zone Two
1 pound.....	$0.05	$0.05	$0.06
2 pounds.....	.06	.06	.06
3 pounds.....	06	.07	.07
4 pounds.....	.07	.08	.08
5 pounds.....	.07	.09	.09
6 pounds.....	.08	.10	.10
7 pounds.....	.08	.11	.11
8 pounds.....	.09	.12	.12
9 pounds.....	.09	.13	.13
10 pounds.....	.10	.14	.14
11 pounds.....	.10	.15	.15
12 pounds.....	.11	.16	.16
13 pounds.....	.11	.17	.17
14 pounds.....	.12	.18	.18
15 pounds.....	.12	19	.19
16 pounds.....	.13	.20	.20
17 pounds.....	.13	.21	.21
18 pounds.....	.14	.22	.22
19 pounds.....	.14	.23	.23
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26 pounds.....	.18	.30	.30
27 pounds.....	.19	.31	.31
28 pounds.....	.19	.32	.32
29 pounds.....	.19	.33	.33
30 pounds.....	.20	.34	.34
31 pounds.....	.20	.35	.35
32 pounds.....	21	.36	.36
33 pounds.....	.21	.37	.37
34 pounds.....	.22	.38	.38
35 pounds.....	.22	.39	.39
36 pounds.....	.23	40	.40
37 pounds.....	.23	.41	.41
38 pounds.....	.24	.42	.42
39 pounds.....	.24	.43	.43
40 pounds.....	.25	.44	.44
41 pounds.....	.25	.45	.45
42 pounds.....	.26	.46	.46
43 pounds.....	.26	.47	.47
44 pounds.....	.27	.48	.48
45 pounds.....	.28	.50	.50
47 pounds.....	.28	.51	.51
48 pounds.....	.29	52	.52
49 pounds.....	.29	.53	.53
50 pounds.....	.30	.54	.54

Insurance on Parcels.

A mailable parcel may be insured for 5 cents on a valuation up to $25 and 10 cents on a valuation over $25 and up to $50.

C. O. D. Service.

The sender of a parcel on which the postage is fully prepaid may have the price of the article and the charges thereon collected from the addressee on payment of a fee of 10 cents in postage stamps affixed, provided the amount to be collected does not exceed $100. Such a parcel may be insured against loss without additional charge, in an amount equivalent to its actual value, but not to exceed $50.

addressed will not be permitted to ex-

The person to whom a package is amine the contents of a C. O. D. parcel until it has been receipted for and all charges paid. C. O. D. parcels will not be accepted when addressed to the Philippine Islands.

Special Delivery.

The postoffice department has arranged that upon payment of 10 cents additional any parcel post package will secure immediate delivery.

LEGISLATIVE DOINGS

Want to Change Present Tax Laws of the State.

Probably the most far reaching discussion that has marked the proceedings of the state legislature during the week took form of general censure of the present tax system of the state under constitutional amendment No. 1, adopted in 1910. The open declaration that it "has broken down" was made in the senate tax committee on the occasion of consideration of the Thompson constitutional amendment Tuesday, giving the legislature full power to wipe out the old system and establish a new one. No action was taken, but a special meeting will be held today at which it is expected the measure will be recommended by the committee.

John S. Drum, president of the California state tax association; Warren Olney, Jr., John Francis Neylan and Cylde L. Seavey of the board of control spoke for the bill. Warren Gregory and John A. Britton of San Francisco, and Paul Overton of Los Angeles, representing large public utility corporations, expressed doubt on the meansure and advised the legislature to "make haste slowly" in remoulding the tax system. They advised a two-year wait.

"If you make haste slowly I am afraid you won't make haste at all," countered Drum. "This amendment does not establish a new tax system. It simply grants to the legislature the power in 1917 to put into effect those recommendations for tax reform that will be made by an investigating committee of tax experts which will study the situation for two years and report to the next legislature."

Neylan declared that the present system is fundamentally unsound and only by accident can it meet the needs of the state. If a system is unsound, if it has been proven so by two successive sessions of the legilature, it should be remedied, and it should be remied as speedily as possible, and not put off for four years."

"There has been a great deal of talk,' said Thompson, "of this measure reaching out to attack local assessors. It does nothing of the kind. The present system is inelastic and the state cannot levy taxes as it needs."

James Oliver, representing the S. P. and other steam railroads, said he believed the schem was good. John Ginty, San Francisco asssor, declared it was the unanimous opinion of assesors that the tax system was too complicated for the legislature to settle and that it should be left in the hands of the people.

Want More Money for the State Highway.

A new state highway bond issue of $1,000,000 probably will be submitted to the people of California. Assemblyman William A. Avey of Riverside is working with members of the state highway commission on a proposition which will be submitted in the legislature and subsequently to the electors in 1916. If this is accepted the state will have altogether $30,000,000 voted for California's highway system.

It will require $50,000,000, according to most conservative estimates to complete the system in order to bring every county seat in direct connection.

Avey has been working with highway commissioner, Charles F. Stern, for some time on the new proposition for a $12,000,000 issue of bonds and the measure will be in form for prosentation at an early date.

The state highway act which controls the operations, defines roughly the roads to be built, demands that three thousand miles of state highway be constructed. It provides that 1800 miles shall be main trunk roads. The remainder of mileage is for laterals.

To January 1, 1915, surveys were made for 2,062.84 miles. The work under contract or completed to the same date was 1036.3 miles. The figures show that nearly 1000 miles of laterals are yet to be surveyed. This is in the mountain and isolated sections where road building costs $20,000 and $30,000 a mile. Since these figures have been given out contracts have been let for an estimated 200 miles more.

May 6 Set As entative Date of Adjournment.

May 6 was agreed upon as the final date of adjournment of the legislature at a conference of administration leaders of both houses with Speaker C. C. Young and Lieutenant Governor Eshleman last night. The date is tentative and depends upon action of the assembly committee sitting in the hearing of charges seeking impeachment of Judge Childs of Del Norte county. If Judge Childs is held for impeachment before the senate, adjounment is expected to be delayed at least two weeks.

Owens' Apprentice Bill is Held in Committee.

The Owens bill forbidding a limitation on the number of apprentices to any trade, passed by the Senate after a bitter fight, was laid on the table in the Assembly labor committeed last week on a motion that was opposed only by Cary of Fresno.

"Senator Owens requested that the committee should not chloroform this bill, but send it out even though it do not pass," said Cary after the meeting. "The committee refused to extend him that courtesy and there will undoubtedly be a moition made on the floor to force it out of the committee."

Congressman John I. Nolan, P. H. McCarthy, Olaf Tveitmoe, Labor Commissioner John P. McLaughlin and a score of organized labor officers appeared to oppose the bill. W. E. Trethaway, general manager of the iron works in Stockton, and Grant Fee, a San Francisco contractor, spoke for the bill.

Hot Debate Over the Death Penalty.

A stirring contest was on Tuesday in both houses of the legislature. In the Senate it was the bill removing the property qualification for jurors, and in the Assembly the anti-capital punishment measure.

The property qualification bill was one of a dozen chief measures recommended by the State Federation of Labor. It was given an affirmative vote in the senate judiciary committee a week or two ago, and the action then led its supporters to believe that it would be approved by the legislature. A keen, hotly contested fight was expected on the anti-capital punishment bill.

Lumber and Mining Companies Must Pay Legal Tender.

Issuance of scrip to employes is prohibited under the terms of Senator Lyon's bill which passed the House without opposition. The measure requires that mining and lumber companies shall pay legal tender or negotiable securities to employes who ask for their wages. It is aimed at companies which advance wages to workmen in the shape of coupon books or scrip redeemable only at stores operated by the companies.

Fruit Packing and Egg Labeling Law Reported Favorably.

Assemblyman Ashley's bill to standardize packages and quality of ... ries, peaches, apricots, pears, plums, prunes, grapes, berries, cantaloupes and other similar fruits was recommended favorably by the senate agricultural committee. The "Chinese egg bill" by Assemblyman Boude, requiring all imported eggs to be so branded and all eating places using them to advertise the fact was also recommended.

County Fiduciary Officers Must Submit Reports.

County officials who fail to submit to the state controller various financial statements within twenty days after such reports have been requested are subject to a fine of $1000, if the governor approves a Senate bill which the assembly also passed. The attorney general is required to prosecute suits against the official for the collection of the fines.

To Prohibit Women and Minors From Shaking Dice.

If the senate gives its approval to an Assembly bill which passed the house Tuesday women and minors would be prohibited from shaking dice. A misdemeanor penalty is imposed upon storekeepers who permit the practice of dice shaking by women customers or minors. Benton of Los Angeles is author of the bill.

Compensation Act is to Remain Unchanged.

An attempt to amend the workmen's compensation act by reducing the waiting period before compensation can commence after an injury, from two weeks to ten days, failed in the Senate yesterday. The vote was 17 ayes and 22 noes.

Closed Season for Doves From December 1, to August 31.

A closed season for doves is fixed at from December 1 to August 31 by the passage of a Senate bill in the Assembly. The measure has the approval of the State Fish ad Game Commission and now goes to the governor.

Oakland Organization Protests Against Compensation Law.

Officers of the Oakland Presbytery, representing thirty-three churches, sixty-six ministers and 5586 people, Tuesday sent to Sacramento a protest against the passage of the liquor men's compenusation bill. The protect was forwarded to C. C. Young, of the Alameda county legislative delegation, and asks the members of that body to work against the measure.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY HYNES SHIES AT DIVORCEES BLANDISHMENTS

Thinks They Are Too Seductive for Ordinary Men.

"If the bill being pressed by high churchmen and their judicial allies before the legislature at Sacramento to compel district attorneys or their deputies to be personally present at all divorce proceedings in the state, becomes a law, it will not only cause immense additional expense in such counties as Alameda, to get men to give their time to such matters, but it will also afford no end of temptation to a dishonest man who might held the office of district attorney."

This is the opinion of District Attorney W. H. L. Hynes regarding the proposed measure, passage of which was urged by Bishop Johnson of the Episcopal diocese of Los Angeles; J. P. Langhorn, representing Bishop Wm. Ford Nichols of the diocese of San Francisco; Judge Walter Bordwell and Judge Charles Munroe of Los Angeles, before the senate committee in Sacramento yesterday.

"With as many as three or four divorce cases going on at once in our superior courts," said Hynes, "and Court Commissioner Clarence Crowell hearing evidence in several others at the same time, we could not handle such an arrangement with three more deputies.

"Furthermore—and this applies to divorce matters vastly more than to ordinary criminal business that we customarily handle—a district attorney not strictly honest or honorable, would be subjected to temptations that would be devious and many."

"Why more in divorce cases?" he was asked.

"Because four-fifths of the divorce actions are brought by women, and the wiles of the women and their methods of throwing temptations across the paths of men—oh, well, you know what I mean."

Hynes admitted that there was perjury galore introduced into divorce proceedings by women. "But what are you going to do about it?" he added. "Not all the legislation in the United States, nor all the pubilc prosecutors in the country can change the nature of women. They'll go on perjuring themselves—the unscrupulous ones—as long as the courts of law last."

Judge Munroe, before the senate committee at Sacramento yesterday, said that the women in most divorce actions made no attempt to tell the truth.

"Do you mean that women perjure themselves more than the men?" asked a member of the committee.

"I mean just that," returned the judge.

DRYS GAIN IN ILLINOIS.

Women's Votes Put 80 Saloons Out of Business.

Results of local option elections in 26 towns and villages in Illinois Tuesday were claimed as a victory for the anti-saloon league.

Eleven towns were swept into the dry column, abolishing about 80 saloons, and all previously dry territory was retained, according to late reports. The "wets" retained 11 towns and villages.

The votes of the women proved to be the controlling factor at several places. In Litchfield 15 saloons were wiped out by women. In Ottawa, however, where the issue was bitterly contested, the women furnished 171 votes majority. Forty-eight saloons were retained.

Figures provided by F. Scott McBride, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league showed that there are now 55 entirely dry counties in the state, 46 partially dry and one, Monroe entirely wet. Seventy county seats are dry, while 32 remain wet.

Rock Island Insolvent.

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company was placed in the hands of receivers in Judge Carpenter's branch of the United States District Court at Chicago Tuesday.

The company admitted its inability to meet more than $5,000,000 in short term notes and other obligations due between now and May 1, and the court appointed H. U. Mudge, president of the company and Jacob M. Dickinson, former secretary of war, as receivers.

Application for the receivership was made by the American Steel Foundries' Company, which has a claim of $17,000 against the defendant.

The Southern Pacific Company has been authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission to establish a rate of 40 cents per 100 pounds on asphaltum, barley, beans and canned goods from San Francisco, San Pedro and Wilmington, Cal., over its lines and steamships, via Galveston, Texas to New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore and Charleston, S. C., while continuing higher rates to intermediate points.

FARMER SUICIDES.

Grows Despondent Over Pea Crop Failure.

James M. Benefield, a Berryessa rancher, walked into Luna Park, near San Jose, Tuesday afternoon and shot himself through the brain. The body was found shortly afterward by employes of the resort, together with a brief note which the dead man had written on his 50th birthday, two days before.

Friends say that he was despondent over the loss of a valuable crop of early peas due, neighbors say, to the fact that it was planted in unsuitable soil. Benefield leaves a widow and three small children. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that death was due to a gunshot wound self-inflicted while mentally deranged.

Truth furthers us; but out of error nothing is evolved, it only involves us. —Goethe.

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The Prospect Now Confronting the People

WELL, the Spring Valley purchase proposition failed in San Francisco last Tuesday. Whatever the effect of this on the interests of the Alameda and Pleasanton districts, it eliminates one source of controversy and doubt—leaves us in the same position that we were in before the San Francisco campaign began, no better nor any worse off.

It is too early to divine a reason other than a strong minority prejudice against the administration, which exists largely in sections inhabited by working men on the one hand and their jointure on this issue with another faction of the population that honestly believes that municipal ownership of civic necessities is an invasion of the prerogatives of capital.

There is probably no other circumstance or issue where these 33,500 odd votes could be pooled to maintain the status quo. They approach the proposition from entirely different viewpoints. The working people in qestion are influenced against almost anything that the Rolph administration would project. They resent the influence of the rich in matters governmental and suspicion the motives of so-called "business administrations." The other class that actively opposed the purchase has reasons almost as varied as their numbers. Small capitalists as said before, are against the people's incursion of "investors' rights." Small merchants and land holders fear increased taxes resultant from experience in the past with administrative methods that, while not particularly San Franciscan in their orgin or practice, have become attached to that city throghout the country as result of the graft exposures too recent and of too great magnitude to be so soon forgotten.

But it is results that count, and results that immediately concern us as communities and individuals that should be studied. Nature is such that where choice is forced upon us, we invariably lean toward our own personal welfare first and secondly we turn our influence toward the industrial wellbeing of the community in which we live.

It is matter of conjecture how the failure of the Spring Valley sale will affect this valley. The leaving of the properties in the hands of a corporation that is none too well liked may lend a moral strength to our contentions in equity, and it may not, dependent upon the leanings of the court before which the suit is filed.

That we are entitled to all we now have, and more, under any method of reasoning imaginable, there can be no doubt in any mind not sodden in the psychology of commercial supremacy over the rights of mere humans. That the theory of majority rights has been removed from the issue we are fortnate. A complaisant judge could easily apply that in his decision in the case of the purchase proposition having carried, whereas, under existing conditions, if that reasoning is used, it will redound in favor of the water district.

The Spring Valley will now realize that it has a fight on its hands, one that it has failed to shift, and knows that the battle scene is on ground not of its own choosing, that the arbitors of the dispute already lean townard its enemy. This knowledge will drive the corporation to any device to win. That seems to be the situation that presents.

The forces that backed its scheme to "get out from under" may or may not be willing to lend their moral influence in assisting the stockholders to get out with whole skins. That, too, remains to be seen. But in any case the impending battle is anything but a comforting prospect to either side.

On the one side, the Alameda and Pleasanton districts' officers must fight for the rights of those they represent; on the other will be arrayed the corporation in a fight for its very existence.

The corporation is indissoluably cemented. That goes without saying. It has long ago carried the war into the enemy's country and backed by every theory and precedent of law, entrenched behind the rampart of property-right and playing upon the prejudices or weakness of every man whose holy-of-holies is money, it goes into the fight on a defensive basis.

The people must be the assailants. Their munitions are the same as those of the enemy. It is a question of sinews of war—legal footing and legal tender. There can be no division in the assailing forces if success is to crown our efforts; no differences between those who order the battle. Failure in any of these things means defeat of the ends hoped for when the water district was formed.

The attack must be resolte and forceful, for under present political conditions in the state we have our one best chance.

We can't possibly hope for influence more potently favorable in high places than presents in the Johnson administration. This is as sure to change, possibly only recede for a time, as that the tides ebb and flow or sap goes up and down in a tree. We can even now see evidences of a recession of radicalism in the temper of the people anent the unemployed problem and the consequent slump in business, already bad. A change is bound to come and it can't possibly be for the better of the water districts in this respect. The fight must be made now or the tactical position of the corporation will be bettered by events that bode.

Get together, people, and do your duty. There will be small consolation in any personal victory at the cost of the weakening of a proposition which means ruin to the district you live in, or even a halt ever so short in its march of advancement. Get together, bury your "family row" and join the forces against the outsider that is meddling in your socio-economic affairs. DO IT NOW.

The Roosevelt-Barnes Trial

SOMEBODY has said that "If you lie down with dogs you will get up with fleas." Somebody else remarked that "Politics makes mighty queer bedfellows," and we would add that politics is a mighty nasty "game" that makes more enemies than friends. It is the one in-door sport where honest men and thieves meet on a footing of equality to devise means of throwing sand in the eyes of the credulous and ignorant.

That this is truth is indicated by the libel suit now being pressed by William Barnes, the national Republican character, against Theodore Roosevelt in the Onandaga (N. Y.) county courts. The statement of Roosevelt, uttered during the 1914 gubernatorial campaign in the "Empire State" to the effect that Barnes was in partnership with Charles Murphy, "boss" of Tammany Hall, "in an alliance between crooked business and crooked politics to defeat Progressive candidates" is the base of the $50,000 action.

Barnes and Rossevelt were formerly coadujotors in state and national polities—"fast friends," so called—and the Colonel's divestment of the issue of all technicality (in the sense of chicanery) bids fair to prove as instructive as interesting. Teddy says that he will justify his contention that Murphy and Barnes "really form the all-powerful, invisible government responsible for the maladministration of the public offices of the state."

Politicians don't usually have a change of heart such as this indicates until their ambitions are in the last throes of death. Of two public benefits it is hard to say which will be most effective of results. If Roosevelt succeeds in doing what he has started out so bravely to do, he will have performed double service; he will put a stumbling-block in the way of political crookedness and will have relegated both himself and Barnes to the positions of outsiders looking in.

Roosevelt's knowledge of Barnes' crookedness and collusion with Murphy is admittedly the result of personal association at times when the acts he proposes to prove inferentially took place; and his eleventh-hour confession, however we may regard its personal bearing, though tardy, is cause for gratitude on part of those who practice politics to get "local color" upon which to found muckrakian serials that but serve to show the utter hopelessness of reforms that have as their inspiration perpetuation of property right on the one hand and fostering of the impersonal dollar as a means of exchange on the other..

As long as we are permitted to transmit the accumulations of a lifetime, permitted to entail concencentration of resources to posterity—our own or anybody's else—just that long public honesty will continue secondary to personal ambition. And just as long as a controllable circulatory medium continues to exist, this state of affairs we call "system," this serio-comic tragedy that conveys on the wings of greed the iniquities and injustices that mark—deface—our present social status is bound to continue.

"But what can we do about it?" you ask. Put specie out of existence, I say, as far as national currency is concerned. Adopt a non-transferrable commute-book system of currency. The banks have built up means of exchange that makes this thoroughly practicable.

Under such a system 99 per cent of the police and judiciary would be out of a job. There would be no exploitation or other form of robbery. There would be no prostitntion, male or female. There would be no poverty or incident diseases. There would be no drones to impoverish the hive of industry. Civilization would loose its impetus to lie by act or word of mouth. Genius would have the inspiration that is now only known to avocations—art and science. Labor-power would be the capital of the nation instead of money representing wealth. Government, in its present sense of control, would resolve itself into an educative function. Statistical information as to the demands of the consumer would be easy of access and accurate instead of difficult to gather and misleading, as now. The waste of over-production in industry would soon end and the lost motion in the machinery of social advancement would be taken up instead of compensated for by the drag of moral deadweight now necessary to prevent laudible personal ambition form becoming over-ripe and metamorphosing into greed.

Government would be simplified. There would be a single standard of citizenship. Only that natural sex antagonism which now manifests in men's contempt for women in all spheres but that of mother and women's emnity for man other than as a provider and protector would be left as a spur to individual accomplishment, as a theme for social advancement in which all would share.

This is a dream, such a dream as moved Mary when she sang her song; such a dream as influenced Moses when he handed down the law.

Los Angeles' Chief of Police Sebastian says there is a wicked conspiracy against him and, like Adam, he blames a woman. Well, he is an expert in conspiracies, judging from what labor-union men told of him at the time of the metal-trades strike in Los Angeles, and if he is getting fed from his own spoon he ought not to make a wry face.

Nothing in Public Ownership

NO; THERE is nothing in government ownership of utilities—not for privilege-seeking capital—trusts or other private interests. An illustration:

Two years ago the United States was paying 80 cents a pound for smokeless powder. Since then a powder factory has been operated at Indian Head which has been supplying part of that used in the navy with the result that the Dupont concern has reduced the price of its product to 56 cents—a matter of 30 per cent.

It cost the government 36 cents a pound to manufacture of a superior article, a saving of 55 per cent, and with the increased facilities now provided we will not only hereafter be able to supply all the powder used in the army and navy but a reduction to 32 cents a pound, a saving of over 57 per cent, will be effected. No; government ownership don't pay. It don't encourage industries.

What is true of powder has also been the case with ship building, big-gun manufacturing and of armor-plate making on an experimental scale. Under "the wastefulness of political methods" sister ships have been built at lower cost, more expeditiously and better than by the Kramps.

Big guns have been made at the Washington Navy Yard, a small plant where higher wages is paid and shorter hours are in vogue, not to mention 30 days' leave with full pay each year to all employees, notwithstanding the "red-tape" methods ascribed to government undertakings, for less money than they cold be bought in the open market. This, too, when the cost of special machinery was added to the price of a single piece of heavy armament. No; it don't pay for Uncle Sam to undertake to manufacture his own supplies.

And we will add that there were no strikes, and that the raw materials were bought from the trust at sinch prices. No; the policy is wrong. It stifles industry and personal initiative. It don't pay (the trusts).

Conservation of crime keeps some people in good jobs.

"Pure" ignorance is sometimes more commendable than sophisticated wisdom.

Maudlin sentimentalitality is as reprehensible as senseless condemnation.

We can't make people good by law, but we can make them cowards or criminals.

Sin and crime are growths, not inventions, for there is "nothing new on earth" in either.

PA'S HOUSECLEANIN.'

When the April sun's a-shinin hot an' things is nice an' fresh,
When the willer's droppin' tossels an' the blackbird's in the bresh,
An' pa comes in fer noonin' an' the floors is wet as souse,
Then it's "Laws-a-massy on us! Your ma's a-cleanin' house!"

Then me an' Jim is sure to find rag carpets in the sun
When we'd planned to go a-fishin' fer the suckers in the run;
But while pa takes his noonin' an' the hosses eats their snacks,
Us boys can beat them carpets while we're restin' our backs.

An' then next day pa's certain to have to go to town;
But he always leaves us orders, "Help to put them carpets down."
An' at night, when he gets home again, you'd think, to hear him groan
About the hardship of it, that he'd done the job alone.

Poor ma! She has it awful hard; she'll work until she drops,
An' pound her thumb nails half way off, an' wet her feet with slops;
She'll get so hoarse that she can't speak, an' sore at every one;
But pa, he says if it was him he'd let the house alone.

An' ma she can't get up because her back's in such a kink,
An' ma she can't get p becase her back's is such a kink,
If pa should bang the furniture whilst gropin' fer the cup,
You can feel him gettin' mad enough to fairly eat her up.

So me an' Jim was sayin,' if the time should ever come
When pa and ma should change their work, an' pa should stay to hum,
I wouldn't like to be a boy, but jest a little mouse
To hear what things our pa would say when he was cleanin' house.

—William Futhey Gibbons.

Vice Cop Busy.

Stephen Connolly, the "morality patrolman" of the Oakland police department, raised his efficiency record Saturday and Sunday nights by the arrest of four women at various places in the business district. Technical charges of vagrancy were placed against them.

Those arrested were Myrtle E. Tuthill, a domestic, arrested at Seventh and Franklin streets, May Wilson, a dressmaker, arrested at Tenth and Washington streets; Rose Miller, a domestic, arrested at Twelfth and Jefferson; and Grace Williams, a stepographer, arrested at Eleventh and Clay streets.

CONSUMPTIVE BUILDING.

Los Angeles House Wrecked by Ball Batted by 5-Year-Old.

Last Tuesday Ignacio Reyes sued Max Goldschmidt of Los Angeles for $10,000 damages because Goldschmidt's house collapsed and killed Rayes' five-year-old son, Louis, when the youngster, batted a baseball against it. Reyes alleged Goldschmidt was responsible because his house was in a shaky condition.

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NILES LODGE, NO. 382, I. O. O. F. Meets every Monday evening at Niles.

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BASEBALL

Essanay-Indians Win from Kahns

In a rather loosely played game Sunday, Niles defeated the Kahn Bros. at Sullivan Park by a score of 8 to 5. It was a surprise to the management here to see the Kahn Bros. appear upon the field as it was also to the fans, for the McDonald & Collett club had been booked. However, at the last minute it was found that McDonald & Collett could not appear, so got Kahn Bros. to come to Niles in their stead.

The game was rather dull and uninteresting, although the Niles fans had plenty of oportunity for exercising their vocal cords as lots of base running and timely hitting by the home team coupled with an occasional error helped swell the score.

Niles scored 5 runs and salted the game in the very first inning, and added 3 more in the third, being content to rest for the remainder on what they believed sufficient to win. They had the right hunch, although the Kahn Bros. played a grand uphill game and time after time threatened with rallies that seemed to overthrow the home team's early lead.

In the first inning after the Kahns had been quickly retired, Allen, Niles' new third sacker walked as did Sund, and Wittenmeyer was safe at first on his bunt, when the catcher threw to third to catch Allen. With the bases full and none down Fries cracked a slashing double to right and coupled with a wild throw by Robins netted 3 runs for Niles, Fries resting safely on third where he scored after Totheroh had walked and engineered the double steal. Totheroh alsc scored in this inning from third base while Parry was being thrown out at first.

Kahns scored their run in the third on a double steal and Niles came right back with three more in ehr half of the same inning. Burroughs singled to right and scored on Robinson's triple to the left field fence. Robinson scored a moment later while Dolan was being thrown out at first and then Allen was given a life at first on Holstrom's error of his hard hit ball, stole second, went to third on Sund's out at first and scored on a passed ball. This ended the local team's scoring for after Figeroid replaced Monahan in the first Niles could do little with his delivery outside of the third.

Kahn Bros. kept up the fight, outplaying the local club after the third inning and in the seventh pushed over 2 runs on 2 hits, a stolen base and an error and made their final bid for the contest in the ninth when Holstrom led off with a triple and two more hits made things look a bit dangerous for Niles, but here Dolan tightened up and the side was retired, leaving two runners on the bases.

There was considerable wrangling, owing to the unsatisfactory work of umpires. The management, however, has taken steps to obviate such contentions in the future, by securing the services of a competent man for that purpose.

The score:

Niles-Essanay Indians.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E
Allen, 3b.	3	1	1	0	0	0
Sund, C.	3	1	1	13	1	1
Wittenmeyer, lf.	3	1	1	0	0	0
Fries, cf.	4	1	2	3	0	0
Totheroh, 2b.	3	1	0	1	4	0
Perry, rf.	3	1	1	0	0	0
Burroughs, ss.	2	1	1	4	0	1
Robinson, 1b.	4	1	1	6	0	0
Dolan, p.	4	0	0	0	1	0
*Bacon, cf.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	8	8	27	6	2

Kahn Bros.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E
Truck, lb.	5	0	0	6	1	0
Dunn, cf.	3	0	0	3	0	0
Bankhead, lf.	4	0	1	1	0	0
Crane, 3b.	4	0	0	0	2	1
Holstrom, ss.	3	2	1	2	0	2
Figeroid, rf, p.	4	2	2	0	4	0
Robins, 2b.	4	1	2	3	3	1
Miller, c.	4	0	2	7	2	0
Monohan, p, rf.	4	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	35	5	8	24	12	4

*Bacon replaced Fries in the 8th inning.

Figeroid replaced Monahan in the first, Monahan going to right field.

Summary.

Stolen Bases—Fries, Crane, Robins, Monahan. Sacrifice Hits—Wittenmeyer. Two-base Hits—Fries, Miller, Figeroid. Three-Base Hits—Robinson, Holstrom. Struck Out—By Dolan, 13; by Figeroid, 7. Base on Balls—Off Dolan, 2; off Monahan, 2; off Figeroid, 3. Umpires—Stanton and Stone. Scorer—Moger. Time of Game—two hours.

Niles Farm Bureau to Meet.

Niles Center of the Farm Bureau will meet on the 28th of this month. Farm Adviser W. H. Nixon will talk on "Soil Formation."

New Umpire Is Chosen by Niles

The management of the Niles-Essanay Indians have announced that they have secured the services of Garret Norris as umpire for all ball games to be played at Sullivan's park, Niles, during the remainder of the season. Mr. Norris is well known about the township as a competent and impartial umpire.

Arrangements have been made with the fastest clubs in this vicinity, and with a good umpire will furnish a fast brand of baseball.

To Play "Jim Wiggs" Sunday.

For their opponents next Sunday the Essanay Indians will have Jim Wiggs, Idlewilds of Newark. This club is a newcomer to the fans of this vicinity, however, with such an old favorite as Jim Wiggs at their head assures Niles a rattling good showing of themselves.

They have been defeating the best teams in and around here. Livermore was their last victim by a score of 9 to 2.

Play will be called promptly at 3 o'clock p. m.

IT LOOKS AS IF ITALY WOULD JOIN THE ALLIES BEFORE MAY 1

Villa Forces Give Way to Carranza's Army.

The war news for the week indicates that Italy will enter the fray on the side of the Frnch-English forces before the month ends and that Villa's influence in Mexico is so badly shattered that he will be compelled to flee his native land before the end of May, provid he lives so long.

The country home of the Austrian minister to Italy has been prepared for his occupancy at his expressed wish, and every preparation is making for the initiative assault by the long mobilized forces of Emanuel. The populace of Italy—all factions—are united on the demnad on the crown to recover territory taken by Austria from Italy in the last war. They agree that further delay means the vitiation of their rights.

The English have met with costly reverses in Africa and aerial assaults have created widespread consternation in Britain. French-English fleets are pounding at the Dardenells and 20,000 troops have been landed to assist them. The Russians have reported the sinking of two Turkish gunboats on the Black sea side and their descent on the Austro-Hungarian plains, though costly, in men and munitions, has been marked by success for the Czar's troops.

Carranza seems the one best best in Mexico. His troops are successfully meeting Don Francisco's forces at every skirmish, and unless intervention takes place, the prospect for which is still remote, despite rather pointed notes from Secretary Bryan, he will shortly be in position to demand recognition.

R. A. MASONS ELECT.

William H. Gaynor Chosen Grand High Priest.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year at the sixty-first convocation of the grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons, held in Masonic Temple, San Francisco.

Grand high priest, William Henry Gaynor, Los Angeles; deputy grand high priest, C. J. Wood, San Francisco; grand king, Edward B. Spencer, Los Angeles; grand scribe, William P. Filmer, San Francisco; grand secretary, Thomas A. Davies, San Francisco; grand secretary emeritus, William A. Davies, San Francisco; grand lecturer, Henry Ashcroft, San Francisco and grand treasurer, F. W. G. Moebus, Alameda.

William A. Davies, who was elected grand secretary emeritus, was grand master of the chapter more than fifty years ago. The venerable mason was given a rousing reception by his younger lodge members when he entered the convention hall yesterday afternoon.

Esola Granted Parole.

Frank Esola, a former detective sergeant on the police force of San Francisco who was sentenced to five years for graft in 1913, was among the 22 prisoners granted paroles by the state prison board last Sunday. Esola will get his release the first of the month and will go to work in a mine. His period of parole will last about a year and a half.

GOV. WEST ACQUITTED

Saloon Interests Come Out Second Best in Oregon.

After seven hours' deliberation last week a verdict for the defendant was returned by the jury that tried the damage suit brought by Wm. Wiegand, formerly a saloon keeper at Copperfield, Oregon, against Oswald West, former governor of the state, who had cauesd the seizure of Wiegand's stock and the closing of his saloon during a raid conducted by Miss Fern Hobbs, the governor's secretary, January 2, 1914.

The result in this case, it was announced, would cause the dismissal of similar suits brought against the former governor by other Copperfield liquor men whose places were closed also.

A demonstration occurred in the courtroom when the verdict was read, friends of West showering him with congratulations.

MEDICAL BILL PASSES SENATE

Admits Legalized Schools of Practitioners.

Senator Brown of Los Angeles has won his long fight to break up what he calls the "medical trust," which, he claims, has controlled the State Board of Health for so many years.

His bill to have each legalized school of medicine represented on the board, which is at present allopathic, passed by a vote of 27 to 11. It failed of passage several weeks ago and came up on reconsideration Tuesday. Benson, who has handled all the bills for the State Board of Health, opposed the measure. Brown argued for more liberality in the board appointments. He said the allopathic school was in the saddle in the nation and state and it was time it was curbed.

The four schools eligible to the governor's appointment are the allopathic, the homeopathic, eclectic and chiropractic. No one school of medicine shall have more than two members on the board.

THE "LITTLE LEAF" PEST.

Lack of Nitrogen in the Soil Causes the Disease.

If you would avoid "little leaf," don't plant peach trees on light or sandy soil or on what used to be a barnyard corral.

Lack of nitrogen seems to be found where "little leaf" prevails.

Such is the text of the following warning about this serious disease of fruit-trees, just issued by the College of Agriculture of the University of California.

"This disease of 'little leaf' attacks many different kinds of trees, occuring to a very wide and serious extent in the San Joaquin Valley. Especially on peaches it is the cause of very severe loss. Two very common ideas have been in existnce, namely, that the disease is due to gall-forming nomatodes upon the roots, or that it is the effect of crown gall. Extensive examinations by the University of California Agricultural Experiment station have shown that while both of these conditions are common in trees or orchards affected with litle leaf, still there are many cases where little leaf is not accompanied by either of these troubles. Therefore it must be due primarily to some other condition.

"Two facts have been found very pronounced as to the occurence of this disease, namely, that affected trees are usually located either in streaks of sandy or very light soil running through the orchard, or that they are planted in places where corrals or barnyards were formerly located. The latter condition is very common and striking in the San Joaquin valley. In the investigations thus far conducted little leaf is always accompanied by a lack of available nitrogen in the soil. This may be due to a lack of total nitrogen, or, as in the case of the corrals, to a lack of nitrifying power in the soil.

"In view of the lack of specific knowledge of the cases of this destructive disease, the agricultural experiment station advises avoiding, as far as possible, planting peaches on the type and condition of soil above indicated. The station is ready to give planters the benefit of their rather extensive inquiries."

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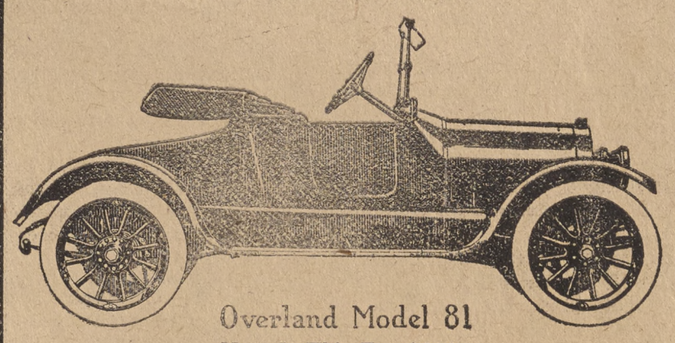

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TOWNSHIP HAPPENINGS

NILES BREVITISE.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tyson were entertained at dinner on Sunday last by their son Harry and family of Alameda, in honor of their wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Tyson made the trip by automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Miller of Oakland spent Sunday in Niles visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rose of Sacramento, visited at the home of W. H. Tyson the first of the week.

Mrs. Schofield was in San Jose on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Miss Grace Ellis was a visitor at the Exposition on Saturday in San Francisco.

Thomas Bedard returned on Tuesday from San Francisco after spending four days at the Exposition.

Mrs. Abernethy returned to Niles Wednesday after two weeks spent in Berkely.

Mrs. H. B. Ellsworth visited last week in Piedmont with the family of her son, Oliver Ellsworth.

Mrs. G. E. Mayhew of San Francisco is spending the week with friends in Niles.

Mrs. E. L. Chittenden, Mrs. McHugh, Mrs. Schofield and Mrs. Mayhew returned Monday from San Francisco after a week spent at the exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ellis and little daughter of Folsom were visitors at the home of their parents, Mr and Mrs. P. A. Ellis, last Thursday.

Mrs. P. A. Ellis, accompanied by her son, Austin, with his wife and little daughter, and Mrs. W. B. Clarke and two children spent last Friday at the home of Mrs. Deal in Los Gatos.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Locher of Auburn spent Friday last with friends in Niles.

Mrs. W. B. Kirk was in attendance Tuesday evening at the meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star at which several grand officers were present. The exercises of the evening were most interesting, closing with a banquet. Mrs. Kirk returned Wednesday.

Showers of rain fell on Tuesday night and Wednesday, with cool weather prevailing.

The Niles Bridge Club held a very pleasant meeting Tuesday afternoon last at the home of Mrs. E. B. Tyson, the hostess being Mrs. Elvin Meyer. After the enjoyment of luncheon, card games followed until 4 o'clock. Mrs. B. L. Tyson and Mrs. Hatch made the highest scores at the game. Mrs. Walpertplayed as a substitute for Mrs. Witterly. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Clarence Martenstein on Tuesday of next week, the 27th of April.

Mr. Vorheis and family will occupy the Borges cottage, beginning with the opening of the new school year in August.

ing one of Mrs. Synder's flats. Mr. Morrison is in the employ of the Niles Building Material company.

Thinity Guild held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at Guild hall. Mrs. P. Murphy will be the hostess of the day. Ten ladies were present. The secretary reported the proceeds of the whist party as being $25, which sum will be applied at once on the church debt. The members are planning an afternoon reception some time in may, when the little barrels distributed for donations toward paying the church debt will be opened. Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served by the hostess before adjournment. The next meeting will follow in two weeks.

The Niles Woman's club will hold its regular meeting this afternoon at the home of Mrs. William Moore. In addition to the regular program, Mrs. Beck, sister-in-law of Mrs. E. B. Tyson, is expected to be present and address the ladies on her work among the missionary people in India. Officers are to be elected for the ensuing year.

The next meeting of the Country club will be held at Centerville on Tuesday, May 4. Mrs. C. J. Woodbury of the Ebell club, Oakland will address the members.

Mrs. E. O. Stratton, mothr, and Mrs. C. H. Stratton, grandmother, of H. G. Stratton, are visiting in Niles this week.

Mrs. E. M. Nichols was a visitor in San Jose Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mary Bertolozzi spent Sunday in San Francisco.

Mrs. R. Robinson is spending a vacation of several weeks in and about Modesto.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Potel spent the week-end in Stockton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Abrott and Mr. and Mrs. L. Abrott motored to San Jose Friday night.

Mrs. Anna Boulett was a visitor in Watsonville last week.

DECOTO NOTES

Walter and Willie Anderson of Sacramento visited their mother in Decoto last Sunday.

Mrs. Carrie Neves was taken to the county hospital Thursday for an operation for appendicitis. Her condition is reported as favorable and her speedy recovery is expected.

Miss May Haines entertained her friends from San Francisco last Sunday.

Saturday evening, April 17, Miss Christine Anderson and Miss Elma Ingalls entertained a number of their friends at a very informal masquerade. Dancing was participated in until a late hour and much amusement was afforded those who were not in mask.

Prices were awarded to August May and John Ralph of Alvarado for the most original costumes.

NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY.

Forty-seven New Volumes Added to Niles Branch.

Forty-seven new books were received at the Niles branch of the county library this week. They are.

Sword of Youth—Allen.
Texan Scouts—Altsheler.
Pastor's Wife—Arnim.
Half Hours—Barrie.
Dorothy Dainty's Visit—Brooks.
Adventures of Danny Meadow Mouse—Burgess.
Adventures of Grandfather Frog—Burgess.
Prescriptions—Cabot.
Man of Iron—Dehan.
Homeburg Memories—Fitch.
Phillip Kent—Hare.
Angela's Business--Harrison.
Castle of Zion—Hodges.
Story of the Soil—Hopkins.
Second Jungle Book—Kipling.
Kent Knowles: Quahaug—Lincoln.
Lucas' Annual—Lucas.
My Autobiography—McClure.
Macklin—Greuze.
Amarilly of Clothes-line Alley—Maniates.
California, the Wonderful—Markham.
Romance of the Rhine—Marriott.
Nursie's Little Rhyme Book.
Modern Army in Action—O'Ryan.
Princess and the Clan—Piper.
Miss Billy Married—Porter.
Miss Billy's Decision—Porter.
Pollyanna Grows Up.—Porter.
Home Life in Russia—Rappoport.
Jean Cabot in Cap and Gown—Scott.
Chased Across the Pampas—Stratemeyer.
Dave Porter in the Gold Fields—Stratemeyer.
For the Liberty of Texas—Stratemeyer.
Trail and Trading Posts—Stratemeyer.
With Taylor on the Rio Grande—Stratemeyer.
Young Volcano Explorers—Stratemeyer.
Turmoil—Tarkington.
Joan of Arc—Twain.
Pudd'nhead Wilson—Twain.
Roughing It—Twain.
Tom Sawyer—Twain.
Tom Sawyer Abroad—Twain.
Behind the Garden Wall—Wallace.
Wooden Horses—Walpole.
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IRVINGTON ITEMS

L. W. Cutler of San Francisco spent one night last week with Dr. J. H. Durham and family.

Ed Ricks was a San Francisco visitor Saturday.

Dr. J. H. Durham, accompanied by Phillip Griffin, Harold Millard, Will Sorenson Ed and Gunnar Anderson were visitors at the exposition, San Francisco Saturday.

Many improvements are being made on the biulding and the interior of Dr. Lutz' drug store.

Robert Groat was a business visitor in San Francisco Saturday.

Mrs. C. A. Lutz, accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Broows of Chicago, motored to San Francisco to visit the exposition last week.

A "Penny-Ante" Bunk.

Look out for your hair combings, girls, if you are contemplating making a switch from your fallen tresses.

A "lady Wallingford" has been visiting eastern homes collecting the combings Mrs. Everywoman keeps, promising to bring them back in the form of a switch, payment to be made when the switch is delivered, according to scores of reports made to the Chicago police. The police believe the war has cuased a shortage of human hair importations, and that hair-combing collectors will appear in all cities. The collector never returns the hair collected.

CENTERVILLE NOTES.

St. James Sunday school is planning a social to be given in the town hall on Friday evening, May 14. There will be a program, dancing and refreshments.

Mrs. W. A. Yates has been quite ill the past two weeks. She is now improving.

Mrs. W. Walton was taken suddenly ill a few days ago, and is still confined to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dunker and family of Palo Alto, and Allyn Barber of Stanford University were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Mowry Sunday.

J. A. Bunting left for Wyoming Wednesday for an indefinte stay.

Mrs. Gray entertained the ladies of the Presbyterian Aid Society most delightfully at her home Wednesday.

The guild meets with Mrs. P. Mathieson Wednesday.

Mrs. M. C. Allen visited over the week-end with Mrs. Layson in Oakland.

A number of Centerville people attended the funeral of Nathaniel Babb at Irvington Wednesday.

THE BARNES-ROOSEVELT SUIT MAY PROVE AN EPOCH MATTER

Ex-President Sued for Libel by Republican Boss.

The $50,000 libel suit of William Barnes, Jr., against Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt is the leading national news topic for the week. It is being tried in the Onandaga county courts at Syracuse, N. Y., before Justice Andrews.

The action is based upon statements published broadcast during the New York state campaign in 1914, when Roosevelt is alleged to have said in effect that Barnes, a leading member of the Republican party and "Boss" Murphy of Tammany hall were the power behind malfeasance in state offices and intimated that they were in a political combine with crooked business interests to thwart all reforms and promote whatever of a shady nature served the purposes of exploitation of honest people.

The trial thus far has not ed anything of a startling nature, does the evidence go to make sa ing that Roosevelt will make good the promise to prove his allegations.

The plaintiff gained a signal advantage on Tuesday by a ruling of the court to the effect that no matter no having base in Roosevelt's forme answer would be admitted. This ruling will shut out much extraneous evidence that would make good press agent stuff for the colonel, hence considered a great set back to the defense.

Roosevelt has admitted that his relations with Barnes datcs back as far as 1908, when both were members of the Republican party. He contends that even at that time he not only wrote letters protesting against boss rule, but that in conversations at Oyster Bay and elsewhere he discussed the vicious aspect of such proceedure with Barnes, using mainly the Platt influence as grounds for his opposition.

He has also shown that attempt was made to control his appointments to office while governor of New York state and that Governor Hughes was recipient of similar dictation against which he protested.

In answer to a question as to whether Barnes had ever discussed legislation with him, Roosevelt said:

"Yes, Mr. Barnes spoke with me generally on the subject of legislation. He said Governor Hughes was favoring legislation against the interests of the organization and that the Democratic organization was backing up the Republicans in defeating legislation fostered by Governor Hughes.

"Mr. Barnes said that he and his friends controlled the party. He did not say he himself was personally in control. He did say that Mr. Hughes could not take the control away from those in whom it was vested."

A letter from Barnes to Roosevelt was offered in evidence. It was dated from the Albany Journal office and read in a part:

"Ever since he has been governor, Mr. Hughes has endeavored through his speeches and his attitude to arouse resentment in every locality against the men who have been doing the political work of the Republican party. Some of those men are the best and most unselfish of men. Some of them are the meanest and most selfish of men.

"It was a gage of battle thrown down which it was my duty to resist, because if I am to remain in the leadership of this country, that leadership must remain satisfactory to the Republican people of the country. I cannot be exploited as a machine-made politician or a patronage broker without resisting the charge to the best of my strength.

"I never could subscribe to the doctrine advanced by the governor, which was this: Disagreement with him meant that a man was a rascal.

"What I am most deeply interested in is the subject of direct nominations, which if ever adopted by this state will lead to untold evils in public life and place therein the cheapest kind of citizens."

The colonel showed that Barnes even went so far in his policy of bossing the Republican party of New York as to dictate how legislators should vote on questions affecting interests in which political parties in New York have derived the greater portion of their financial support. He instanced Senator Grattan's vote on the anti-race track bill in the following language:

"Mr. Gratton pleaded with Mr. Barnes to allow him to vote as he wanted, but I was told he said Mr. Barnes ordered him to vote oppositely, and he was forced to do so. Senator Grattan's one vote defeated the bill. Senator Grattan represented Mr. Barnes' district."

It is the general belief in eastern newspaper circles that Roosevelt is trying to oust Barnes from political control of the state in order to resume leadership himself preparatory to the 1916 national campaign. The result of the row, such think, will be the relegation of both to the political discard.

PIONEER RESIDENT DIES.

N. L. Babb of Irvington Passes Away Monday Night.

N. L. Babb, one of the oldest pioneers of this township passed away at his home in Irvington about 11 p. m. Monday. Mr. Babb had been ailing for some time and his death was not unexpected.

He leaves a family to mourn his loss.

IS HE A SPEED MANIAC?

Man Arrsted For Speeding Twice Before Is Caught Again.

V. D. Goodrich, a real estate man of San Jose, who was convicted and fined $25 in the justice court at Pleasanton some two months ago, was again arrested by Traffic Officer Lester E. Wright and will answer before Justice of the Peace Richmond this Monday.

Saturday last Officer L. A. Solon arrested Goodrich for driving an automobile 38 miles an hour on the Foothill boulevard.

Goodrich is declared to have told the officer that he would be acquitted by a jury.

When he appeared before Judge Richmond he asked for and was granted a continuation of one week.

Tuesday night, however, Wright arrested him again and charged him with racing with a railway train between Livermore and Pleasanton at the rate of 55 miles an hour.

Last week, according to the district attorney's office Goodrich was arrested by Officer Agraz in Santa Clara county for speeding and demanded a jury trial, which is now pending.

Goodrich, it is said, makes a boast of his ability to win speeding cases before a jury.

ROLL OF HONOR.

List of Pupils of Niles Grammar School Who Stand at Head.

Eighth Grade.
Bonita Clarke.
Harry Hunt.
Delinda Rebeiro.
Edmund Scott.

Seventh Grade.
Olive Fereira.
Cecelia Fields.
Frank Maloney.
Dewey McCarthy.
Elta McClelland.
Lorene Phillips.

Sixth Grade.
Eugene Brunelli.
Ione Cahill.
Hazel Kell.
Isley Pullen.

Fifth Grade.
Edna Buckledee.
Margaret Cabrall.
Lionel Lawrence.
Mildred Marshall.
Palmeda Rey.
Florence Rose.

Fourth Grade.
Mary Bliss.
Georgia Chalmers.
Joe Machado
Carol Trimmingham.

Third Grade.
Helen Bliss.
Helen Duarte
Mamie Duarte.
Johnnie Avilla.
Mabel Hale.
Aleine Jolliff.
Olive Muegge.
Peter Quarteroli.
Marguerite Todd.

Second Grade.
Mary Avilla.
Emily Bernardo.
Lawrence Harvey.

First Grade.
Minnie Avilla.
Willie Bliss
Mamie Costa
Edna Destrella.
Mary Josephs
Ruth Laws
Hugh O'Neil.
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